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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON RECOVERY EFFORT FOR ZAIRE

REF: STATE 137343

1. REFTEL CROSSED WITH RABAT 3217 (NOTAL, WHICH DESCRIBED

CURRENT MOROCCAN PUBLIC POSTURE ON ZAIRE. WHILE WE DO NOT HAVE ANY OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION MORE RECENT THAN FONMIN BOUCETTA'S MAY 25 REMARKS TO SECRETARY VANCE THAT THE GOM INTENDED TO SEND TROOPS (STATE 136040 NOTAL), WE HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT THEY HAVE CHANGED THEIR MINDS. THEIR CAUTIOUS POSTURE, HOWEVER, ILLUSTRATES THEIR RELUCTANCE TO BEING ONCE AGAIN THE ONLY AFRICAN COUNTRY TO INTERVENE AND COULD AFFECT ANY ULTIMATE DECISION.

2. GOM'S PUBLIC POSITION CAN BE SUMMED UP IN KING'S REPORTED STATEMENTS TO KATHARINE GRAHAM OF WASHINGTON POST MAY 26 (STATE 136208): "I WILL NOT GO THERE ALONE AGAIN . . . WE ARE WILLING TO SEND TROOPS, BUT WE WANT FRIENDLY COUNTRIES NEIGHBORING ZAIRE ALSO TO MAKE AT LEAST A SYMBOLIC EFFORT TO SHOW THAT IT IS NOT A PROBLEM THAT CONCERNS ONLY PRESIDENT MOBUTU AND ME. IT IS A STRATEGIC PROBLEM FOR THE ENTIRE REGION . . . (MOROCCO) WILL PROVIDE TRAINING, TRANSPORT AND ADMINISTRATIVE HELP FOR ZAIRE, AND COMBAT TROOPS ALSO, BUT ONLY IF OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES TAKE THE STEPS NEEDED TO ORGANIZE A JOINT FORCE."
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